

WAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). According to the Indian Investment Centre all classes of employees of Indian Investment Centre have the option to either join Central Government Health Scheme or Reimbursement Scheme. The Reimbursement Scheme is subject to an annual ceiling depending upon the category of employee and production of medical bills and prescriptions. At present, 62 employees are covered under Central Government Health Scheme and 48 have opted for Reimbursement Scheme.

Trade Relation with Finland

3932. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to improve trade relations with Finland; and

(b) the details of the areas identified for expansion of trade relation with that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Bilateral institutions such as an Indo-Finnish joint commission at the official level and a Joint Business Council at the level of industry and business periodically review the development of bilateral trade between India and Finland. Besides, trade promotion measures such as market surveys and exchange of business delegations also facilitate bilateral trade.

Items like industrial machinery, electronic components, computer software, organic chemicals and pharmaceuticals, medicals equipment and forest based goods have been identified as products having potential for expansion of trade between the two countries.

Export of Garments

3933. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for Indian garments has been increasing in several countries;

(b) if so, the achievement made in 1991-92 in export of these garments and the higher target fixed if any, for 1992-93;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the export of garments during 1992-93; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There is an overall increase in export of garments from India. This indicates that the demand for Indian garments is increasing.

(b) The achievement in 1991-92 (April 91- Jan 92) in garment exports is Rs. 4441 crores (Provisional). The target for 1992-93 is yet to be finalised.

(c) and (d). Though specific target for 1992-93 is yet to be finalised, Government have taken several steps to boost export of garments like modernisation of Garment industry by allowing import of garment manufacturing at concessional duty, organising buyer seller meets and participating in fairs, providing adequate encouragement to manufacturer-exporters and non-quota exports through Garment Quota Policy etc.

Indo-maldives Joint Collaboration

3934. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in which Indo-Maldives joint collaborations have been set up; and

(b) the programme drawn up to expand trade relations between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are at present no Joint Collaborations between the two countries.

(b) Under the bilateral Trade Agreement of 1981, India has offered to supply various essential commodities to the Maldives. At Economic and Technical Co-operation, held in New Delhi on March 2-3, 1992, it was agreed that an Indian Trade Exhibition would be held in 1992-93 to boost commercial and economic exchange Possibilities for joint collaboration in deep sea fishing, tourism and hotel industry and setting up of export-oriented units in Maldives were also identified.

Export of Gold and Silver Jewellery

3935. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the export of gold and silver jewellery;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries to which export is being made; and

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting gold and silver jewellery during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government has notified various schemes to increase the export of gold and silver jewellery in the Current Import-Export Policy in Chapter XXI-Part II. The principal markets for gold and silver jewellery and UAE, Ku-

wait, UK, Dubai and USA.

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting gold and non-gold jewellery (including silver jewellery) during the last three years are as follows:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Gold and non-gold jewellery (Including silver jewellery)</i>
1988-89	171.13
1989-90	296.44
1990-91	179.26
1991-92	379.26
(Apr-Jan)	523.91 (Prov.)

(Source: GJEPC)

Sanctioned Strength of Posts of Judges in High Courts

3936. SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts of Judges and Additional Judge of High Courts particularly in Andhra Pradesh High Court as on date, Court-wise;

(b) the date since when these posts are vacant, Court-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase its strength to meet the requirements for early disposal of pending cases in these Courts;

(d) the beak-up of existing Judges/